

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/826,272
Filing Date	04/19/04
First Named Inventor	Kazuhiro FUJII
Group Art Unit	3682
Examiner Name	LUONG
Attorney Docket Number	SN-US045038

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)			
✓		US- 4143557 - B	03-13-1979	Wakebe et al.	
		US- 4900291 - B	02-13-1990	Patterson	
		US- 5358451 - B	10-25-1994	Lacombe et al.	
		US- 5400675 - B	03-28-1995	Nagano	
		US- 5470277 - B	11-28-1995	Romano	
		US- 5653849 - B	08-05-1997	Watarai	
		US- 5678455 - B	10-21-1997	Watarai	
		US- 5768945 - B	06-23-1998	Ose	
		US- 5941125 - B	08-24-1999	Watarai et al.	
		US- 6015038 - B	01-18-2000	Fukuda	
		US- 6038923 - B	03-21-2000	Lin	
		US- 6073730 - B	08-13-2000	Abe	
		US- 6216078 - B1	04-10-2001	Jinbo et al.	
		US- 6227088 - B1	05-08-2001	Masui et al.	
		US- 6546827 - B2	04-15-2003	Irie	
		US- 6698307 - B2	03-02-2004	Westling et al.	
		US- 2001/0053724 - A1	12-20-2001	Campagnolo	
		US- 2003/0019712 - A1	01-30-2003	Dal Pra ³	
		US- 2003/0074997 - A1	04-24-2003	Westling et al.	
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
✓		DE - 19642906 - A1	04-24-1997	Campagnolo		
		EP - 1225123 - A1	07-24-2002	Strong		
		EP - 1375325 - A2	01-02-2004	Ichida et al.		
		FR - 2654698 - A1	05-24-1991	Peralle		
		JP - 60-85297 - U	06-12-1985	Suzuki Motors		
		JP - 5-338581 - A	12-21-1993	Lacombe et al.		

Examiner
Signature

LUONG

Date
Considered

12/18/06

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/826,272
				Filing Date	04/19/04
				First Named Inventor	Kazuhiro FUJII
				Group Art Unit	3682
				Examiner Name	LUONG
				Attorney Docket Number	SN-US045038
Sheet	2	of	2		

[illegible]

Examiner Signature	LUONG	Date Considered	12/18/06
-----------------------	-------	--------------------	----------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO:** Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.